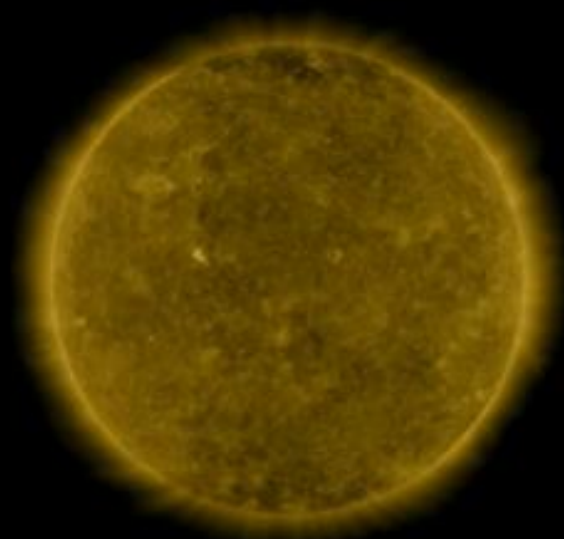


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Next EAA Chapter 878 Meeting

Date:	January 13, 2024
Location:	Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo-KCFE
Meeting Time:	9:00 AM



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Presidents Airspace

by Kyle Weatherly

Updates from the last few months.

Those that actually read our newsletter will know I haven't been very diligent about my Monthly articles. Here is an update of what is happening with Amy and I.

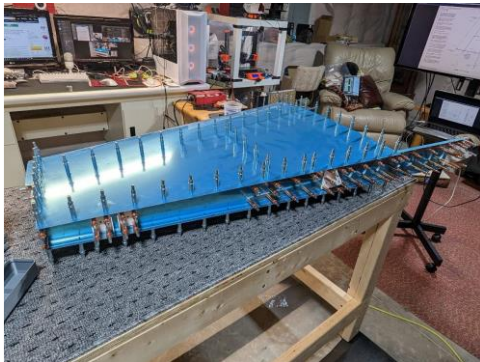
- In October we ended up finding a new place for my Mother. Over the last few months, we have moved her from her house in Rice Lake, WI to her new place at Havenwood in Buffalo. There were several trips back and forth to Rice Lake in the last three months with the final move taking place December 16.
- Airplane related in December a A&P/AI came from south of Atlanta to Buffalo to look at and buy my Cherokee N1794T. I am very happy with the person that purchased the plane, and he is going to use it to get his PPL and also allow certain young people he knows to use it to get their PPL as well. In addition to working with Delta he also runs a business that does Annuals and Pre-Buys for GA aircraft. It was fun to use FlightAware to watch him take the Cherokee back to his home airport. [Read more >](#) 2-1/2 min read



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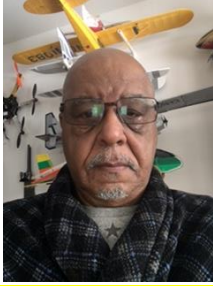
by Kris Schneider

As we begin 2024, I am thrilled to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the newly appointed Secretary for our EAA 878 chapter. I look forward to working with everyone especially our new President Kyle, new VP Dick, and Henry who graciously took on the Treasurer role for another term.



I would like to thank Wayne Flury for acting as Chapter Secretary for 23 years! We all know Wayne did a fantastic job and has generously offered his help to me in the future. (Not if, but when I will need it, I must add). Looking back at how good he was at recording chapter meetings and get togethers, I have my work cut out for me!

Allow me to share a bit about myself with those that do not know me. My name is Kris Schneider, I live in Otsego with my wife Leah, and I have been a member of our chapter for almost 4 years now. [Read more >](#) 1-1/2 min read



Treasurer Airspace

by Henry Williams



Payment Sites

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STEM Airspace

by Dick Borrell

Want to help us build a Speed Record Setter?

A Sonex kit-built aircraft like the one pictured here and like the one our EAA Chapter will be building with the help of students from around the Wright County area set a speed record in 2023!



This speed record was set on March 31st, 2023. It's a "Speed Over a Recognized Course" record in a Class R aircraft (microlight) of which the Sonex qualifies. This is not a World Record, but a record recognized by the National Aeronautic Association, a National Record! The flight course was round trip from Pensacola Florida to Pascagoula Mississippi.

The 70 nautical mile flight from Pensacola Florida to Pascagoula Mississippi took 43 minutes and 28 seconds at an average speed of 110.58 miles per hour! The return flight from Pascagoula Mississippi to Pensacola Florida took...[Read more >](#) 1-1/2 min read



Eagle & Young Eagle Airspace

by Kyle Weatherly

Young Eagle events:

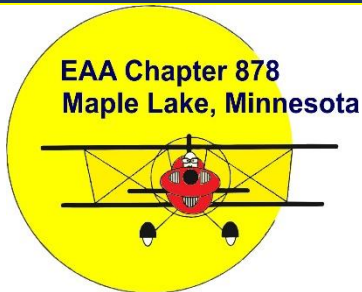
We had a successful Young Eagles Year this year. Although the weather was hot, we avoided rain outs, because there was so little rain. The only event that was cancelled this year was May. We flew in April, June, July, August and September.

We were able to get ~ 20 kids in the air at each one of these events.

The final event this year was held in Maple Lake. We did this to spotlight the airport and our new education center. We had 8 pilots show up that day. We had 16 kids, so each pilot took two flights, with each Young Eagle getting a one on one ride with their pilot. Thank you to all the pilots that participated that day, and throughout the year.

A Young Eagle Program Extends the Season:

The Build and Fly program finished up with all three young men successfully flying and landing the aircraft they built. [Read more > 1 min read](#)



EAA 878 Scholarship Airspace

by Kyle Weatherly

The committee members are Greg Thomas, Wayne Flury, Laura Hermann, Lloyd Melvie, Boyd Emmel, Jon Niska, and Kyle Weatherly.

The 2024 EAA 878 scholarship has been posted and the application can be accessed via our website.

I was able to update the scholarship and post it on our website in mid-December. Everyone, please consider stepping up to help out with this program. It is an important program and is one of the criteria for a healthy chapter. This doesn't take that much time and takes some knowledge of computers Google Forms and monitoring the website for applications. I am still around to mentor the person that takes this over hoping you will consider helping the Youth of Wright County to enter aviation as a career.

Call me and we can discuss. 612 759 5227



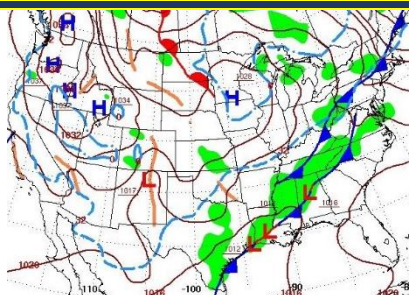
Ray Scholarship Airspace by Kyle Weatherly

I will be filling out the application for chapter 878 to be considered for administration of the Ray Scholarship in 2024. The chapter has to submit a request to provide a scholarship every year. If we are approved, we will then start the search for a great candidate. Our goal would be to find and apply for the Ray Scholarship by May 2024.

I would really like to see someone step up to take over this important program. Where else can you make a life changing difference for a young person.

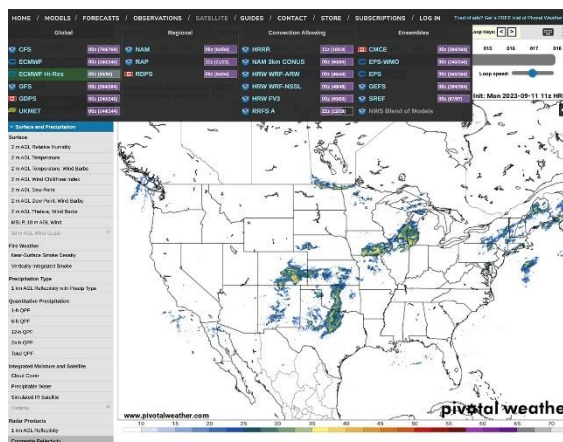
I am still around to guide and mentor the person that takes over this program. Please give it consideration it takes up some time, but I have been able to do it while managing many other EAA 878 programs as well as a work calendar that I am certain none of you would want.

Call me and we can discuss without any obligation. 612 759 5227



Weather Manners by Air Facts

TAFs are so last century—here are four new tools to try



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Musings

by Wayne Flury

My Visit to the WACO Air Museum at Troy, Ohio

One of our sons-in-law is in the Air Force and currently stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, OH. If you're interested in aviation, you know that WPAFB is home to the National Museum of the USAF. And you can probably guess that when we visit our daughter and family, I usually manage to slip away for at least part of a day for an immersion in aviation history. Fortunately, our daughter understands and supports me!



Ohio is rich in aviation history beyond the Air Force. Some of the more notable history makers were a couple of bicycle shop tinkerers and dreamers who had a profound impact upon man's ability to leave the ground. Another Ohioan made it all the way to the moon and there's a great museum in Wapakoneta, north of Dayton, dedicated to preserving the legacy of Neil Armstrong. [Read more >](#) 2-1/2 min read



IFR Tips

by Boldmethod

Why Pick a Runway With An ILS?



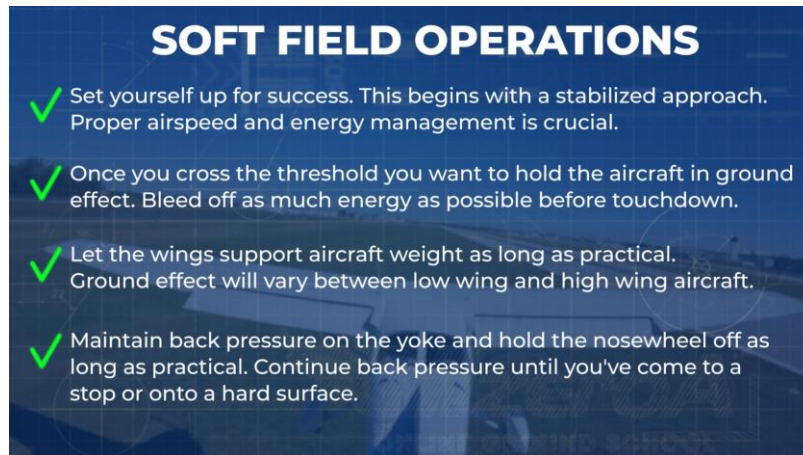
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Pilot Tips

by MzeroA Flight Training

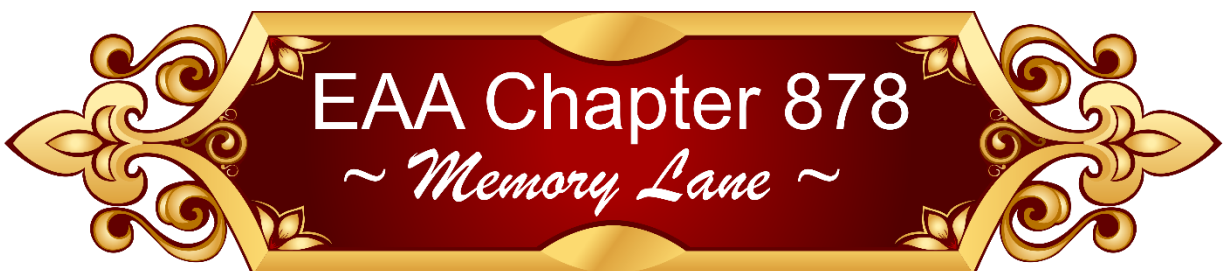
Soft Field Landing



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This Month In History



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EAA Chapter 878 Aviation Education Fund



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A home for our EAA Chapter 878 Aviation Education Center would help us consolidate meetings, conduct training sessions & finish building an RV-4 airplane.
Please join us in this fundraiser to rebuild an old hangar
Sharing with others would also be helpful.



KFCM Saturday Morning & Pro-Tips Webinars (Wings Credit Given)

Saturday Morning Webinars (0900-1000 CT)	
January 6:	International flying customs questions with the head of the CBP
January 13:	Antonio Rodriguez, Lead FAASTeam Rep, TBD
January 20:	Human Factors
January 27:	TRACON talk
Schedule of topics: FAASafety.gov	
Created by MN & WI FAASTeam's. Everyone welcome to attend all sessions	
Questions? Laura Herrmann	
New to Wings? Wings account setup	



Notable Mention

by Chapter Leaders & Coordinators

Wanted – Photos of You and Your Airplane

by Elaine Morrow, Chapter Webmaster

Help me make our website a place of chapter recognition and interest. Please send me a photo of your airplane (and you) which I will include on our Chapter 878 website. This includes aircraft projects too! Send to: pilotelaine@aol.com or call 952-913-2356 with any questions.

Requesting Chapter Member Aircraft and Project Info

By Chris Glaeser

Chris Glaeser (as our chapter Flight Advisor) is still looking to get information from all chapter members. about aircraft owned, or projects working on, His focus is to have a list so that if he gets a call from someone asking if he knows anything about RV aircraft or float planes, etc., he has a source of reference.

If you haven't yet responded to Chris, please contact him with your info (a photo may also be nice) with complete data on your airplane, including engine and prop. His contact info is: 952-239-4081, or chris.glaeser@gmail.com.

WINGS - Pilot Proficiency Program

The objective of the WINGS Program is to address the primary accident causal factors that continue to plague the general aviation community. By focusing on this objective, we hope to reduce the number of accidents we see each year for the same causes. As you will see, it is not a simple "Award" program but is instead a true proficiency program, designed to help improve our skills and knowledge as pilots.

[Read more >](#)

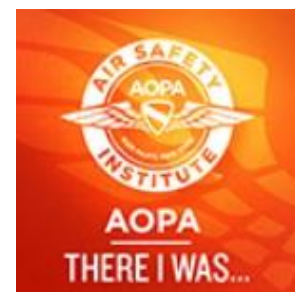
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Chapter 878 Aviation Upcoming Events

Jan	13	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo-KCFE
	23	IMC / EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Thunderbird Aviation, Flying Cloud-KFCM
Feb	10	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo-KCFE
	27	IMC / EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Thunderbird Aviation, Flying Cloud-KFCM
Mar	9	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo-KCFE
	26	IMC / EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Thunderbird Aviation, Flying Cloud-KFCM

Note: this list will generally not include the many pancake breakfasts and other fly-ins or local aviation events because they are well publicized on other sites dedicated to that purpose. For other event information, see our [EAA Chapter 878 website](#), and websites such as [EAA](#), [AOPA](#), [Social Flight](#), [Fly-ins](#), and [FunPlacesToFly](#). Also see various Calendars of Events in magazines, and airport bulletin boards.



Editors Airspace by Ray Svobodny

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